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1607

1607 (MDCVII) was a common year starting on Monday of the Gregorian calendar and a common year starting on Thursday of the Julian calendar, the 1607th year of the Common Era (CE) and *Anno Domini* (AD) designations, the 607th year of the 2nd millennium, the 7th year of the 17th century, and the 8th year of the 1600s decade. As of the start of 1607, the Gregorian calendar was 10 days ahead of the Julian calendar, which remained in localized use until 1923.

Millennium:	2nd millennium
Centuries:	16th century · **17th century** · 18th century
Decades:	1580s · 1590s · **1600s** · 1610s · 1620s
Years:	1604 · 1605 · 1606 · **1607** · 1608 · 1609 · 1610

1607 in various calendars

Gregorian calendar	1607 *MDCVII*
Ab urbe condita	2360
Armenian calendar	1056 ԹՎ ՌԾԶ
Assyrian calendar	6357
Balinese saka calendar	1528–1529
Bengali calendar	1014
Berber calendar	2557
English Regnal year	4 Ja. 1 – 5 Ja. 1
Buddhist calendar	2151
Burmese calendar	969
Byzantine calendar	7115–7116
Chinese calendar	丙午年 (Fire Horse) 4303 or 4243 — *to* — 丁未年 (Fire Goat) 4304 or 4244

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Events

January–June

- January 13 – The Bank of Genoa fails, after the announcement of national bankruptcy in Spain.
- January 19 – San Agustin Church, Manila, is officially completed; by the 21st century it will be the oldest church in the Philippines.
- January 30 – A massive wave sweeps along the Bristol Channel, possibly a tsunami, killing 2,000 people.

- February 24 – Première of Claudio Monteverdi's *L'Orfeo*, the earliest fully developed opera in the modern-day repertoire, at the Ducal Palace of Mantua.
- March 10 – Battle of Gol in Gojjam: Susenyos defeats the combined armies of Yaqob and Abuna Petros II, which makes him Emperor of Ethiopia.
- April 25 – Battle of Gibraltar: A Dutch fleet destroys a Spanish fleet anchored in the Bay of Gibraltar.
- April 26 – English colonists make landfall at Cape Henry, Virginia, later moving up the James River.
- May 14 – Jamestown, Virginia, is established as the first permanent English settlement in North America, beginning the American frontier.
- May 15 – Jamestown: Christopher Newport, George Percy, Gabriel Archer, and others travel six days exploring along the James River up to the falls and Powhatan's village.
- May 26
  - Jamestown: The president directs the fort to be strengthened and armed against the many attacks of the natives: "Hereupon the President was contented the Fort should be pallisadoed, the ordinance mounted, his men armed and exercised, for many were the assaults and Ambuscadoes of the Savages ..." [John Smith, Proceedings (Barbour 1964)]
  - 200 armed Indians attack the Jamestown settlement, killing two and wounding ten.
- May 28 – Jamestown: The Fort is pallisadoed: "we laboured, pallozadoing our fort" [Gabriel Archer (Arber)].
- June 5 – John Hall marries Susanna, daughter of William Shakespeare.
- June 8 – Newton rebellion: The Tresham landowners family kills 40–50 peasants, during protests against the enclosure of common land in Newton, Northamptonshire, England, at the culmination of the Midland Revolt.
- June 10 – Jamestown: Captain John Smith is released from arrest and sworn in as a member of the colony Council.
- June 15 – Jamestown: The triangular fort is completed and armed: "The fifteenth of June we had built and finished our Fort, which was triangle wise, having three Bulwarkes, at every corner, like a halfe Moone, and foure or five pieces of Artillerie mounted in them. We had made our selves sufficiently strong for these Savages. We had also sowne most of our Corne on two Mountaines." [George Percy (Tyler 1952:19)]
- June 22 – Christopher Newport sails back to England.
- June 27 – Jamestown: The colony bears extreme toil in strengthening the fort [from John Smith, *Proceedings* (Barbour 1964:210)].

Coptic calendar	1323–1324
Discordian calendar	2773
Ethiopian calendar	1599–1600
Hebrew calendar	5367–5368
Hindu calendars	
- *Vikram Samvat*	1663–1664
- *Shaka Samvat*	1528–1529
- *Kali Yuga*	4707–4708
Holocene calendar	11607
Igbo calendar	607–608
Iranian calendar	985–986
Islamic calendar	1015–1016
Japanese calendar	Keichō 12 (慶長１２年)
Javanese calendar	1527–1528
Julian calendar	Gregorian minus 10 days
Korean calendar	3940
Minguo calendar	305 before ROC 民前305年
Nanakshahi calendar	139
Thai solar calendar	2149–2150
Tibetan calendar	阳火马年 (male Fire-Horse) 1733 or 1352 or 580 — *to* — 阴火羊年 (female Fire-Goat) 1734 or 1353 or 581

July–December

April 25: Battle of Gibraltar

- August 13 – The ship *Gift of God* of the Plymouth Company arrives at the mouth of the modern-day Kennebec River in Maine. English colonists establish Fort St. George, also known as the Popham Colony. The settlement lasts little more than a year, before residents return to England in the first oceangoing ship built in the New World, a 30-ton pinnace called *The Virginia*.
- September 5 – *Hamlet* is performed aboard the East India Company ship *Red Dragon*, under the command of Capt. William Keeling, anchored off the coast of Sierra Leone, the first known performance of a Shakespeare play outside England in English, and the first by amateurs.
- September 10 – Jamestown President Edward Maria Wingfield is deposed, and John Ratcliffe elected.
- September 14 – Flight of the Earls: Hugh O'Neill, 2nd Earl of Tyrone, and Rory O'Donnell, 1st Earl of Tyrconnell, flee Ireland for Spain with 90 followers, to avoid capture by the English crown, never to return.
- October 27 - Halley's Comet is seen by Johannes Kepler
- September – The Scrooby Congregation of Protestant English Separatists attempt to flee to the Dutch Republic from Boston, Lincolnshire, but are betrayed, arrested and imprisoned for a time.
- December (early) – Captain John Smith of the Jamestown Colony is captured by Opchancanough, and then sent to Chief Powhatan for execution; Pocahontas rescues him.

Date unknown

- Spain is effectively bankrupt.
- The rule of Andorra passes jointly to the king of France, and the Bishop of Urgell.
- In the Midland Revolt against Enclosures in England, the term Levellers is first used.
- Missionary Juan Fonte establishes the first Jesuit mission among the Tarahumara, in the Sierra Madre Mountains of Northwest Mexico.

Births

January–March

Isaac Jogues

- January 10 – Isaac Jogues, French Jesuit missionary to the Native Americans (d. 1646)
- January 30 – Willem Nieupoort, Dutch politician, and diplomat (d. 1678)
- January 31 – James Stanley, 7th Earl of Derby (d. 1651)
- February 9 – Abraham Megerle, Austrian composer and organist (d. 1680)
- February 22 – Edward Thurland, English politician (d. 1683)
- February 25 – Ahasuerus Fromanteel, English clockmaker (d. 1693)
- February 27 – Christian Keymann, German hymnwriter (d. 1662)

- March 8 – Johann von Rist, German poet and dramatist known for the hymns he wrote (d. 1667)
- March 9 – Gervase Holles, English Member of Parliament (d. 1675)
- March 10 – Thomas Wriothesley, 4th Earl of Southampton, English statesman (d. 1667)
- March 12 – Paul Gerhardt, German theologian (d. 1676)
- March 24 – Michiel de Ruyter, Dutch admiral (d. 1676)
- March 31 – Philippe Le Sueur de Petiville, French poet (d. 1657)

Antonio Barberini

April–June

- April 5 – *(bapt.)* John Boys, English Royalist soldier, Lord Warden of the Cinque Ports (d. 1664)
- April 16 – Nicolas Henri, Duke of Orléans, French duke (d. 1611)
- April 26 – Countess Palatine Magdalene Catherine of Zweibrücken and Duchess of Birkenfeld (d. 1648)
- May 21 – Sir Philip Musgrave, 2nd Baronet, English politician (d. 1678)
- May 31 – Johann Wilhelm Baur, German artist (d. 1640)
- June 17 – Lacuzon, Franche-Comté military leader (d. 1681)
- June 24 – Jean-Jacques Renouard de Villayer, French postal pioneer (d. 1691)

Jan Lievens

Anna Maria van Schurman

July–September

- July 1 – Thomas de Critz, British artist (d. 1653)
- July 12 – Jean Petitot, French-Swiss enamel painter (d. 1691)
- July 13 – Václav Hollar, Bohemian etcher (d. 1677)
- August – Claude de Rouvroy, duc de Saint-Simon, French courtier (d. 1693)
- August 5
  - Antonio Barberini, Italian Catholic cardinal (d. 1671)
  - Philipp Friedrich Böddecker, German organist and composer (d. 1683)
- August 6 – Dirck van der Lisse, Dutch painter (d. 1669)
- August 15
  - St. Francisco Fernandez de Capillas, Spanish saint (d. 1648)
  - Herman IV, Landgrave of Hesse-Rotenburg (d. 1658)
- August 24 – Sebastian von Rostock, German bishop (d. 1671)
- September 15 – Archduke Charles of Austria (d. 1632)
- September 25 – Dorothea of Anhalt-Zerbst, Duchess of Brunswick-Wolfenbüttel (d. 1634)
- September 26 – Francesco Cairo, Italian painter (d. 1665)

Madeleine de Scudéry

October–December

- October 4 – Francisco de Rojas Zorrilla, Spanish dramatist (d. 1648)
- October 19 – Louis of Anhalt-Köthen, German prince (d. 1624)

- October 24 – Jan Lievens, Dutch painter (d. 1674)
- October 25 – Antonio de la Cerda, 7th Duke of Medinaceli, Grandee of Spain (d. 1671)
- November 1 – Georg Philipp Harsdörffer, Baroque-period German poet and translator (d. 1658)
- November 5 – Anna Maria van Schurman, Dutch painter (d. 1678)
- November 6 – Sigmund Theophil Staden, important early German composer (d. 1655)
- November 10 – John Gregory, English orientalist (d. 1646)
- November 15
  - Ernest Casimir, Count of Nassau-Weilburg, Founder of the younger line of Nassau-Weilburg (d. 1655)
  - Madeleine de Scudéry, French writer (d. 1701)
- November 23 – Andrzej Trzebicki, nobleman and priest in the Polish-Lithuanian Commonwealth (d. 1679)
- November 25 – Kanō Naonobu, Japanese painter of the Kanō school of painting during the early Edo period (d. 1650)
- November 26 – John Harvard, English-born American clergyman (d. 1638)
- November 28 – Francesco Sforza Pallavicino (d. 1667)
- December 4 – John Frescheville, 1st Baron Frescheville, English politician (d. 1682)
- December 6 – Christopher Turnor, English judge (d. 1675)
- December 10 – Kjeld Stub, Danish priest (d. 1663)
- December 14 – John Kemény, Prince of Transylvania (d. 1662)
- December 17 – Pacecco De Rosa, Italian painter (d. 1656)
- December 19 – Remigius van Leemput, painter from the Southern Netherlands (d. 1675)
- December 30
  - Sir James Harington, 3rd Baronet, English politician (d. 1680)
  - Song Si-yeol, Korean philosopher (d. 1689)

John Harvard

Date unknown

- Archibald Campbell, 1st Marquess of Argyll, Scottish clan chief (d. 1661)
- Jan Kazimierz Krasiński, Polish nobleman (d. 1669)
- John Dixwell, English judge and regicide (d. 1689)
- Pierre de Fermat, French mathematician (d. 1665)
- Yagyū Jūbei Mitsuyoshi, Japanese samurai (d. 1650)

Deaths

January–March

- January 6 – Guidobaldo del Monte, Italian mathematician, astronomer and philosopher (b. 1545)
- January 12 – Mihály Káthay, Hungarian politician (b. c. 1565)
- January 19 – Anne Morgan, Baroness Hunsdon, English Baroness (b. 1529)

- January 25 – Anders Foss, Norwegian bishop (b. 1543)
- January 27 – Richard Lowther, English soldier and official (b. 1532)
- March 11 – Giovanni Maria Nanino, Italian composer (b. c. 1543)
- March 29 – Tsugaru Tamenobu, Japanese daimyō (b. 1550)
- March 31 – Henry Beaumont, English landowner and MP (b. 1545)

Anne Morgan, Baroness Hunsdon

April–June

- April 6 – Jan Saenredam, Dutch engraver (b. 1565)
- April 9 – Eleanor of Prussia, daughter of Duke Albert Frederick of Prussia; by marriage Electress of Brandenburg (b. 1583)
- April 15
  - César de Bus, French Catholic priest (b. 1544)
  - Cornelis Kiliaan, 16th-century writer from the Southern Netherlands (b. 1528)
- April 27 – Edward Cromwell, 3rd Baron Cromwell, Governor of Lecale (b. 1560)
- May – Edward Dyer, English courtier and poet (b. 1543)
- May 3 – Agnes Douglas, Countess of Argyll, Scottish noblewoman (b. 1574)
- May 17 – Anna d'Este, French princess (b. 1531)
- May 21 – John Rainolds, English scholar and Bible translator (b. 1549)
- May 25 – Mary Magdalene de' Pazzi, Italian Carmelite nun and mystic (b. 1566)
- June 2 – Yūki Hideyasu, daimyō (b. 1574)
- June 3 – Martim Afonso de Castro, Portuguese Viceroy of India (b. 1560)
- June 7 – Johannes Matelart, composer (b. c. 1538)
- June 10 – John Popham, Lord Chief Justice of England (b. 1531)
- June 19
  - Johannes Bertelius, Luxembourgian historian (b. 1544)
  - Patriarch Job of Moscow
- June 28 – Domenico Fontana, Italian architect (b. 1543)
- June 30 – Caesar Baronius, Italian cardinal and historian (b. 1538)

Anna d'Este

Martim Afonso de Castro

July–September

- July 6 – Achille Gagliardi, Italian philosopher and theologian (b. 1537)
- July 7 – Penelope Blount, Countess of Devonshire, English noblewoman (b. 1563)
- July 12 – Thomas Legge, British writer (b. 1535)
- July 24 – Alessandro Pieroni, Italian painter (b. 1550)
- July 29 – Alexander Chocke of Avington, English politician (b. 1566)
- August 1 – Otto Casmann, German philosopher (b. 1562)
- August 22 – Bartholomew Gosnold, English explorer and privateer (b. 1571)
- August 29 – Ercole Sassonia, Italian physician (b. 1551)

Caesar Baronius

- September 5 – Pomponne de Bellièvre, French politician (b. 1529)
- September 10 – Luzzasco Luzzaschi, Italian composer (b. 1545)
- September 16 – Mary Stuart, English-Scottish princess (b. 1605)
- September 22 – Alessandro Allori, Italian portrait painter of the late Mannerist Florentine school (b. 1535)

October–December

- October 16 – Hōzōin In'ei, Japanese Buddhist teacher (b. 1521)
- October 31 – Wawrzyniec Grzymała Goślicki, Polish philosopher (b. 1530)
- November 7 – Ana de Velasco y Girón, Mother of King John IV of Portugal (b. 1585)
- November 8 – Elisabeth of Anhalt-Zerbst, Electress of Brandenburg (b. 1563)
- November 24 – Juan de la Cerda, 6th Duke of Medinaceli, Spanish noble (b. 1569)
- December 20 – Sir John Bourke of Brittas, Irish recusant, hanged (b. 1550)
- December 31 – Edmund Shakespeare, English actor, brother of William Shakespeare (b. 1580)
- *date unknown* – Henry Chettle, English writer (b. 1564)

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